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| 6. | Women in Agriculture | Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala | The scheme is being implemented on pilot basis (one distt. in each state). |
| 7. | Farmer-Scientist interaction Scheme on Agro-Climatic Zone basis | Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal. | The scheme is being implemented in 17 States. |

**Tribal Freedom Fighters**

1022. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nation is celebrating 50 years of Independence during 1997-98;

(b) whether the Government propose to bring to the limelight the tribal freedom fighters during this 50th year of celebration of independence;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Assistance to Consumer Courts**

1023. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given from the Consumer Welfare Fund to the Consumer Courts during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the amount out of the said fund released to Karnataka during 1996-97;

(c) whether the amount given to various States have been fully utilised;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken against the faulty organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Consumer Welfare Fund Rules do not provide for giving assistance to consumer courts.

(b) to (e) In view of above, question do not arise.

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**Gir Forests**

1024. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :
SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lions inhabitating in the Gir forests of Gujarat at present;

(b) the details of progress achieved in the number of lions during the last ten years;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to increase progeny of these lions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to shift some of the lions from there to the Pulpurkono Sanctuary of Murena district in Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) According to the last census conducted by the Govt. of Gujarat in May 1995, there are 304 lions in the Gir Forests and adjoining areas.